

KDLA Awards Library Grants

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) grant program provides sub-grants to libraries across the state to help them meet the needs of their customers. The grant monies fund library programs, automation, innovation and assistive technology. All Kentucky public libraries are eligible to apply for the competitive sub-grants.

Library Programming sub-grants provide funding to public libraries to provide, enhance and expand programming that will meet the specific need of their community. In 2007 KDLA awarded over \$72,000 in Library Programming sub-grants to 9 Kentucky public libraries. Marion County Public Library received the largest grant. The \$14,200 grant was awarded for a project entitled *Internet Cafe @ Your Library*. It was written specifically to draw in more patron participation from the Generation X age group of late-twenties to mid-forties. With this funding, the library will not only update its decor and furnishings but will enhance technology programs and resources. This grant is partnered with an all out effort by the staff and library volunteers to completely revamp the look and feel of the library.

Other programming sub-grants awarded to public libraries this year:

- Jackson County Public Library - \$13,150 - to partner with other community agencies to provide training aimed at reducing unemployment. The training will be for basic computer skills.
- Henry County Public Library - \$10,750 - to introduce the basic elements of computer usage through in-house educational events and automated tutorials.
- Boone County Public Library - \$9,250 - to host a "One Book, One Community" reading program.
- Corbin Public Library - \$7,100 - to introduce and promote digital photography among senior citizens. The grant will provide for equipment, books and training.
- Pike County Public Library - \$6,000 - to provide informative interactive programs for young adults.
- Owen County Public Library - \$4,650 - to offer a variety of fitness classes hosted by professionals.

- Owen County Public Library - \$3,700 - to host six gardening programs featuring horticultural experts from Kentucky.
- Kenton County Public Library - \$3,500 - to promote reading, art appreciation and family literacy by hosting Caldecott winning illustrator and author Chris Raschka.

Library Automation sub-grants are 50% matching sub-grants provided to assist libraries with automating their systems. These sub-grants are divided into two categories: Academic and Public. In 2007 KDLA awarded over \$93,000 in Library Automation sub-grants to three public libraries and one academic library. Green County Public Library received the largest grant. They were awarded \$39,450 for an automation system. Metcalfe County Public Library will be installing a new automation system as well. They have received \$37,250 for a fully integrated system with holdings available online. Northern Kentucky University received \$14,050 to digitize collections. Finally, Pike County Public Library was awarded \$2,800 to purchase an automated phone notification system for overdue materials.

Library Innovation sub-grants provide funding for innovative, creative technological solutions to service problems in libraries. In 2007 KDLA awarded over \$131,000 in Library Innovation sub-grants to ten public libraries. The largest grant was awarded to Fulton County Public Library to purchase three microfilm reader printers. The \$23,300 grant will allow researchers to read, enlarge, enhance and print material from microfilm or burn to disc.

Other Library Innovation sub-grants awarded to public libraries this year:

- Montgomery County Public Library - \$19,400 - to provide basic e-mail and general internet instruction at locations throughout the community.
- Ohio County Public Library - \$17,600 - to update an existing rolling computer lab.
- Pike County Public Library - \$16,350 - to install an *allCIRC* DVD checkout system.
- Henry County Public Library - \$12,700 - to purchase hand held e-Book reading devices.
- Harrison County Public Library - \$12,000 - for the purchase of six laptops to offer computer classes to at-risk populations.
- Green County Public Library - \$11,300 - for "Computer Literacy for Adults", a partnership with the Green County Adult Learning Center to teach adults computer literacy skills.
- Rowan County Public Library - \$7,450 - for the *Aqua-Browser* Library-OPAC interface.

- Menifee County Public Library - \$7,200 - to provide a machine that will repair scratched DVDs and CDs for libraries in the Buffalo Trace, FIVCO/Big Sandy and Kentucky River regions.
- Hopkins County Public Library - \$4,100 - to purchase digital video equipment to make library events and programs available on the internet for patrons who are unable to visit the library.

Library Assistive Technology sub-grants provide funding to public libraries for technologies that assist patrons with special needs. In 2007 KDLA awarded over \$14,000 in Library Assistive Technology sub-grants to four public libraries. Hopkins County Public Library was awarded \$5,000 for Screen Readers and Magnifiers. Three more libraries received grants for Automatic Door Openers. Gallatin County Public Library was awarded \$4,250, Oldham County Public Library got \$3,550 and Henry County Public Library received \$2,000.

In all, KDLA awarded twenty-seven LSTA grants totaling over \$300,000. Each year more Kentucky libraries apply for grants, making the process more competitive. But the highly competitive process has resulted in a group of projects that will provide a wide range of innovative services for the communities they serve.



Federal sub-grants are made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.

Kentucky's State Archivist Retires

A national pioneer and leader in preserving electronic records, Kentucky State Archivist and Records Administrator, Richard N. Belding retired on August 31 after 28 years of service with the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. Belding is the longest-serving Kentucky state archivist.

"Kentucky owes a great debt to Richard for his outstanding contributions, as do archives and manuscript repositories around the state," said Wayne Onkst, Kentucky state librarian and KDLA commissioner. "His dedicated service over the past three decades has increased the safety and security of government records, as well as made it easier for citizens to find government information."

Belding, who joined KDLA in 1979 as one of the original field archivists with the Kentucky Guide Project, was the first head of KDLA's Local Records Program. The program, which helps local governments preserve and manage official records, was one of the first of its kind in the nation and has been a model for several states. The program now assists more than 2,900 Kentucky local government agencies in properly preserving records.

Belding became assistant director of KDLA's Public Records Division in 1981 and was promoted to Kentucky state archivist and records administrator in 1986.

During his tenure as state archivist, Belding has helped develop a number of programs and services for government records, including the creation of the annual Public Archives Symposium series and the formation of one of the first state government records programs to gather and preserve public electronic records, such as e-mail, digital images, video and websites. He has led a succession of projects and research grants to provide for the preservation of digital media. In addition, Belding has worked to secure funding for an archival storage addition adjacent to KDLA's Frankfort building.

"The State Archives is a central element of the state's information infrastructure, and at a time of heightened anxiety about national security issues and concern over the state's vulnerability to natural disaster or other dislocation, it's essential to provide secure, well-designed facilities that protect and assure access to these vital resources," Belding said.

The Lexington resident plans to remain active in archival and records management activities, to travel, and to spend time with his wife, Sharon, and their two adult children, Drew and Annie.

Kentucky Book Fair

The 26th Annual Kentucky Book Fair will be held on November 10, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Frankfort Convention Center. The schedule of activities is available at <http://www.kybookfair.org/>. A list of the authors attending this year is available at <http://www.kybookfair.org/2007/authors.php>.

The Friends of Frankfort's Paul Sawyer Public Library will have a hospitality room from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the book fair. Coffee, donuts, and an opportunity for informal conversation will be available to members of Kentucky public library Friends groups, for anyone starting a Friends group, or for those interested in learning about what Friends groups can do for public libraries.

From 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. there will be a panel of representatives from central Kentucky Friends groups discussing and answering questions about book sales and stores in libraries. The Gathering of Friends will be held in the Glass Room just off the first-floor lobby of the Capital Plaza Hotel adjacent to the Dudgeon Civic Center. Friends of the Paul Sawyer Public Library invite all Kentucky Friends to drop by to visit their beautiful new library and book store at the corner of Wapping and Washington Streets. It's just four blocks from the Civic Center and there is plenty of parking behind the building.

The Kentucky Book Fair, Inc., has awarded eleven grants to libraries from the proceeds of the 2006 event. This nonprofit organization was founded to coordinate the annual Kentucky Book Fair with proceeds supporting Kentucky's libraries.

Four Kentucky public libraries were among the award recipients. Clinton County Public Library was awarded \$1,000 for picture books for preschoolers, Metcalfe County Public Library received \$1,000 to expand the non-fiction teen collection, Lewis County Public

Library was given \$500 for sports biographies and McCreary County Public Library received \$500 to offer a wider variety of teen books.

Since the inception of the Kentucky Book Fair in 1981, over \$300,000 has been awarded to Kentucky libraries. Each year approximately 150 authors attend to autograph copies of their latest books, and as many as 5,000 patrons attend to purchase over \$150,000 in gross sales.

Kentucky Library Association Awards

Kentucky Library Association awards were given out at the annual conference in September. Former Barren River regional librarian and long time Logan County Public Library advocate Evelyn Richardson won the James A. Nelson Advocacy Award. Grant County Public Library Director Barbara Caron received the KLA Intellectual Freedom Award.

KDLA Administrative Services Division Director Christie Robinson received the Special Library Section Innovation Award for her work in creating KLA's Minority Scholarship Program. This scholarship is awarded to a minority student in library science to increase diversity among librarians' professional ranks. This program will pay dividends for Kentucky's libraries well into the future.

Children's Librarian Events in 2008

Three Children's Librarian events have already been scheduled for 2008. Workshops for the 2008 summer reading program are scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, February 13, 14, and 15, 2008 at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Frankfort. This year KDLA is again able to provide space for regional exhibits. Your regional librarian will be contacting you about a display for your region. The theme of the 2008 summer reading program for children is *Catch the Reading Bug!* It will focus on insects, nature, and a broad range of outdoor activities for children, as well as viruses and things that are annoying. The teen theme is *Metamorphosis @ your library*. It supports many kinds of reading and programming related to change and the transformations teens experience.

The 2008 McConnell Literature Conference will be held February 29 to March 1 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Lexington. Featured speakers will be author Pam Munoz Ryan, author/illustrator Denise Fleming, and Kentucky author George Ella Lyon. Fees will be \$95 for the full conference, \$55 for Friday only, and \$70 for Saturday only. Additional program details and complete registration information will be available later in the fall. Questions may be emailed to either Lousetta Carlson, carlson@uky.edu, or Mary Landrum, landmar1973@yahoo.com.

Widening Circles, KDLA's conference for public librarians serving children and youth, will be September 23 to 26, 2008 at the Holiday Inn University Plaza in Bowling Green. Please mark your calendars. Program details and registration materials will be sent to libraries next summer.

‘Cross the Commonwealth

The **Menifee County Public Library** has received the 2007 Innovation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for its *Much Ado With Nothing: Reaching Out on a Budget* project. NADO is a Washington, D.C. based association that promotes programs and policies that strengthen local governments, communities and economies. The association's Innovation Awards Program recognizes regional development organizations and partnering organizations for improving the economic and community competitiveness in regions and local communities.

The **Allen County Public Library** will host a ground breaking ceremony for the renovation/expansion of its facility on Thursday, November 8 at 10:00 a.m. The library will be closed for two weeks starting October 29 to move the entire library collection to a temporary location. The library will be in the temporary location at 936 Old Glasgow Road in Scottsville for approximately 1 year.

Marion County Public Library will have an open house to debut all of the exciting changes from their *Internet Cafe @ Your Library* grant and other grants. The open house will be at the library on Thursday, November 15 and will include a community potluck celebration. Out-of-towners are welcome!

Since the installation of **Grant County Public Library's EZCheck** [self-check] on August 15, more than 40% of all borrowers have used it to check out materials and the materials they borrowed accounted for more than 40% of all new loans. *EZCheck* is especially popular during times of peak use - late afternoons and evenings.

Audio books are now available by download via the **Oldham County Public Library** website. This service is free for anyone who has a valid OCPL card, access to the Internet and a computer or portable device to download and listen to the material. Patrons may download up to 10 items at a time. For easy instructions and a list of compatible mp3 players, visit the website at www.oldhampl.org and click on the gray and blue icon.

The **McCracken County Public Library** has two new online resources available for their patrons. *Rosetta Stone online language learning* offers nine different languages: United States and United Kingdom English, German, Greek, French, Italian, Russian and Spanish of both Spain and Latin America. *Price It! Antiques & Collectibles* has 125 searchable categories and 10 million images to help a patron identify their collectibles. Both programs can be accessed by logging onto the library's website at www.mcl.net.

The **Boone, Kenton and Campbell County Public Library** systems sponsored a Northern Kentucky Idol competition! The joint event was timed to correlate with Teen Read Week. Winners in the 12-14 and 15-18 age groups were crowned on October 20, after performing at Northern Kentucky University's Budig Theatre.

Former KDLA **Kentucky River Region** consultant Don Amburgey has recently published a book entitled *Constantine Samuel Rafinesque, Solo Naturalist*. It is a biography of Rafinesque (1783-1840), the scientific genius who pioneered the study of natural history.

Upcoming Continuing Education Events

November

1-30	LE@D online courses for November	Online
5	Cascading Style Sheets with Dreamweaver	Online
5 & 7	Medical Information on the Internet	Online
13-14	Legal Information on the Internet	Online
13-14	Medical Information on the Internet	Online
13-14	Web 2.0: Social Software Applications for Libraries	Online
13-15	XHTML: The Future of Web Design	Online
13-16	Network Administrators Boot Camp	Barren River State Park
15 & 19	Business Information on the Internet	Online
15-16	Ready Reference and More on the Internet	Online
16	Podcasting for Libraries	Online
19-20	Science/Math Resources on the Internet	Online
19-20	Web Design with Advanced Cascading Style Sheets	Online
27-28	AACR and MARC for Videorecordings	KDLA, Frankfort
27-28	Science/Math Resources on the Internet	Online
28-29	Promoting Library Services Using Blogs and RSS	Online
28-29	Ready Reference and More on the Internet	Online
29-30	AACR and MARC for Sound Recordings	KDLA, Frankfort

December

4-5	Medical Information on the Internet	Online
6-7	Legal Information on the Internet	Online

Contact KDLA's Continuing Education Consultant Ron Critchfield at 502-564-8300 ext 219 or ron.critchfield@ky.gov for more information on any of these continuing education opportunities. Online registration is also available on KDLA's website at <http://kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/continuinged.htm>.

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